

Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes September 8, 2003, 6:30 p.m. City Hall - Mayor's Ceremonial Room

Members Present: Manuel Carrasco, Jacob Hernandez, Steve Stearns, Randy Akes, Jr., Heather Troxel, Christina Duran, Wivory Brandle, Carolyn Hart, Annette Martinez-Lievanos, Pat Watson, Suzy Q Parker, Dana Kruckenberg, Brian Pearcy, Marisol Ruiz.

Members Excused: Nancy Hart

Members Unexcused: Jay Dyer

Guests: Marie Leggette, Tom Martin, Arturo Ruiz

Staff: Martha Matus, Community Relations Assistant; Eva Yakutis McNiel, Director of Office of Neighborhoods; Kaitlyn Phuong Nguyen, Senior Office Specialist.

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Manuel Carrasco at 6:40 p.m. Self-introduction of members and guests followed.

2. Approval of Minutes: Manuel Carrasco, Chairman

Motion to approve minutes of July 16, 2003. Motion carried.

(Akes/Stearns/Carried)

3. Recognition of Departing Board Members

Departing board members Marie Leggette and Tom Martin were recognized and presented with a plaque for their contribution to the RNP.

4. Office of Neighborhoods Report

Staff was introduced, and new board members were welcomed. Discussion followed as to any necessary changes to the roster and positioning of the terms on the roster. Suggested and agreed upon changes will be made and presented at the next meeting. Board members were requested to fill out the membership questionnaire and return to staff. Eva Yakutis-McNiel gave an overview of the RNP committees with particular emphasis on the award committees as the award program is underway. The following committee assignments were made:

Jack B. Clarke Good Neighbor Award: David McNiel, Dana Kruckenberg, Heather Troxel

Neighborhood Pride Awards: Jacob Hernandez, Randy Akes, Jr., Carolyn Hart

Neighborhood Matching Grants: Christina Duran, Randy Akes, Jr., David McNiel, Jay Dyer, Marisol Ruiz

Bylaws: David McNiel, Wivory Brandle, Carolyn Hart, Steve Stearns, Pat Watson, Randy Akes, Jr.

Discussion took place as to future agenda items. Next month's meeting will include the Mayor's Great Neighborhoods Program presentation and discussion as well as Election of Officers. Committee chairs will be selected by the subcommittees.

5. Next Meeting: October 6, 2003, 6:30pm

6. Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by Office of Neighborhoods